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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 U.S.A.

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 13, 2009, for which a response is due on May 13, 2009, with a one-month extension of time hereby requested.

The Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as presented herein and re-examined in accordance with the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.